

# Fact Sheet: Great Lakes Initiative

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## GLI OVERVIEW

The Great Lakes Initiative (GLI) consists of supplemental, more protective water quality criteria for 29 pollutants to protect aquatic life, wildlife and human health in the Great Lakes, as well as detailed methodologies to develop criteria for additional pollutants. This program will reduce direct water discharges of the most persistent, toxic, and bioaccumulative chemicals of concern (bccs) – such as mercury, DDT, PCBs, and dioxins – by up to 90 percent. (U.S. EPA, GLNPO, 2001, *Great Lakes 2001, A Plan for the New Millennium, draft 8.1*). The IDEM Office of Land Quality (OLQ) supports this initiative by using GLI funds to support the identification and delineation of pollutants and pollutant sources in the GLI Area (Figure 1) as well as supporting remedial actions designed to reduce pollutants in the GLI area.

### **Area of Concern**

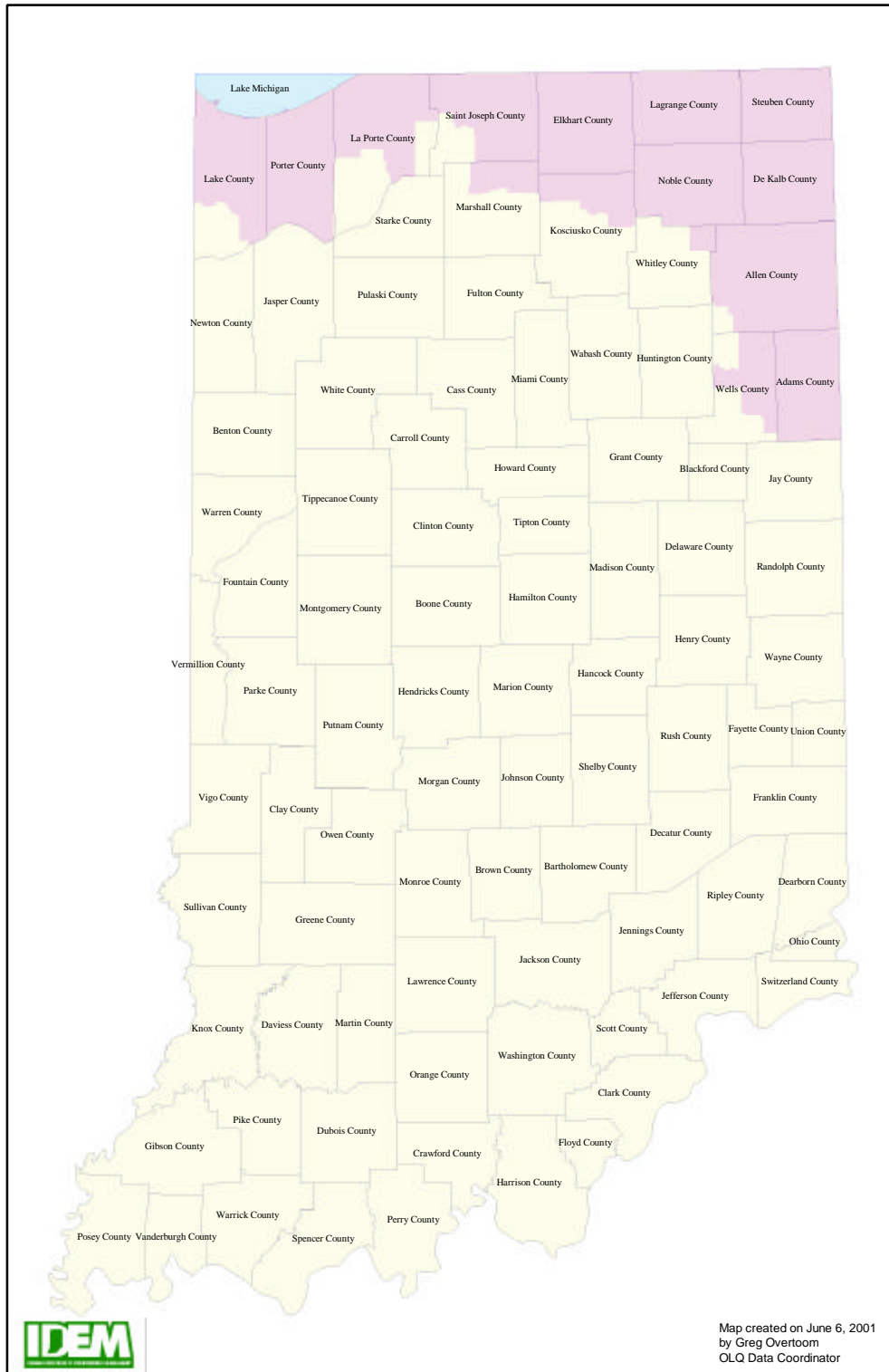
In the past, much of OLQ's GLI funding to date has been applied to characterizing and delineating contamination in the Grand Calumet Area of Concern (AOC)(Figure 2) and supporting the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) developed to clean up the AOC. OLQ anticipates continued support of the RAP as well as extending GLI support to areas outside of the RAP as part of its 2002-2003 GLI efforts.

### **Participation in IDEM's GLI Efforts**

IDEM's OLQ receives an annual grant from EPA Region V to support efforts to improve the quality of the environment in the GLI area. OLQ uses this grant money to support efforts by IDEM and non-IDEM entities working to improve the GLI area. Anyone interested in receiving support from OLQ for their GLI efforts should contact Greg Overtoom, OLQ's GLI grant administrator using the information below.

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**Figure 1 - Great Lakes Initiative Area in Indiana**



**Figure 2 - GLI Area of Concern (AOC) in Indiana**

